



**UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS IN THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION REGION
(BSEC-URTA)**

DOC/GA16/LICENCE/09

Istanbul, 5 October 2009

SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Conference Centre Varembé (CCV)
Geneva – Switzerland
Wednesday, 04 November 2009, at 15:00 hrs

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL LICENSES SYSTEM SIMILAR IN NATURE TO THE ECMT
LICENSES**

(Information Paper prepared by the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat)

Since the entry into force of the BSEC Memorandum of Understanding on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC Region (MoU-F) for the 12 BSEC Member States on 20 July 2006, the BSEC-URTA urges the Member States to consider creating a regional license similar in the nature with the ECMT License as a major tool to achieve gradual liberalization of road transport in the region.

The NEA study on ways, methods and alternatives to implement each operative article of the MoU-F clearly pointed out that establishing such a regional license among the BSEC Member States is one of the main solutions to liberalise bilateral and transit road transport of goods among the interested countries in the region.

On 11 February 2009, the Steering Committee of the MoU (SC.F) endorsed this expert view and requested the BSEC Member States to confirm to the BSEC PERMIS about their interest in this regard.

On 9 September 2009, during the 4th Meeting of the SC.F in Istanbul, the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Armenia, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Turkey stated that they are ready to work together for creating a BSEC regional license system like the ECMT License.

These interested parties decided to create an Ad Hoc Project Group, which would work under the coordination of the BSEC PERMIS for the creation of a multilateral license system similar in nature with the ECMT License and will report about its activities and results of its work to the next meetings of the SC.F on a regular basis.

In this connection, however, it is noteworthy that the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Bulgaria and the Russian Federation stated that they cannot recognise this project as part of an agreement among the BSEC Member States in the context of the MoU-F and they are not bound by this decision of the interested countries and they will not participate in its implementation.

The BSEC PERMIS is expected to organize the first meeting of this Ad Hoc Project Group in Istanbul as soon as possible.

* * *